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1. THE MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH RUSSELL TRIBUNAL INVESTIGATION TEAM WHO RECENTLY
VISITED HANDI HAD A MEETING WITH PHAM VAN DONG ON 11 AUGUST. THE TRIBUNAL MEMBERS

WERE QUITE DISAPPOINTED WITH DONG'S EVASIVENESS IN HANDLING DIRECT QUESTIONS AND

FE HES FAILURE TO SUPPORT WITH FACTUAL MATERIAL HIS CLAIMS THAT THE WAR WOULD BE

THE LONG RUN. DONG SPOKE ONLY OF WINNING THE WA . LTHOUGH HE PREDICTED THAT

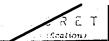
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MANAGES TIMES WERE IN STORE FOR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. HE CLAIMED THAT

MANAGES PREPARATIONS FOR FURTHER ESCALATION BY THE AMERICANS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE.

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SOVE TO DESPUTE WAS INFLUENCING THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND ADDED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY ASKED

KOULDED THE SAME QUESTION. DONG REPLIED THAT THE VIETNAMESE WERE BUSY FIGHTING THEIR **

LWY. AND WERE NOT BEING INFLUENCED BY THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OTHER COUNTRIES

WHICH WERE AIDING. THEM. THIS OBVIOUS HEDGING ON A SERIOUS

QUEST DISAPPOINTED AYBAR.)

VOL 20183. DONG REPLIED THAT FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS WERE NOT NEEDED. HE WAS THEN ASKED
WHETHER THIS STATEMENT ALSO APPLIED TO VOLUNTEERS IN THE MEDICAL FIELD. DONG SAID,
"YES FOR THE TIME BEING BUT THIS COULD CHANGE?"

4. DONG BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE PLANS FOR AIDING SOUTH
VIETNAM AFTER VICTORY OVER THE AMERICANS. HE SAID SUCH AID WOULD BE GIVEN IN STAGES
AS REQUESTED AND REQUIRED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE.

DONG'S APPARENT
REFUSA. TO ADMIT THE PRESENT MASSIVE NORTH VIETNAMESE SUPPORT TO THE WAR EFFORT IN
SOUTH A LINAM WAS PARTICULARLY GALLING TO THE TRIBUNAL MEMBERS.)

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